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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Executive Secretary, Planning Group**SUBJECT:** Basis for Geographic and Basic Intelligence Activities**REFERENCE:** Memorandum from Chief of Staff, Planning Group, subject: Assumptions for Long-Range Planning, dated 30 July 1965

1. Basic intelligence activities as organized under the National Intelligence Survey Program are conducted under authority specified in NSCID No. 3 (revised 18 January 1961), paragraphs 1a, b, c, d, and e. Further modifications are detailed in USIB-D-51.1/8, 28 August 1963. Interagency coordination of the NIS Program is stated in paragraphs 8-11 of the USIB document referred to above. The NIS Committee assists the USIB in carrying out its responsibilities.

2. This Agency's basic intelligence activities other than NIS -- but including geographic research, cartography, and map library services -- are conducted to meet our departmental requirements and do not have a legal basis support such as NSCID's, DCID's, or other directives of that character.

3. The transfer of the parent activity (geographic research) to CIG in 1947 is covered by a joint agreement between the Department of State and CIG signed in August 1947. (Copy attached)

4. Cartographic support and Map Library support activities and responsibilities are detailed in [REDACTED] respectively. The mission and functions of the Office of Basic Intelligence are contained in [REDACTED] (revised, but not yet published).

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5. Two intelligence-mapping programs, one on the USSR and the other on Communist China, are conducted jointly by OSI and DoD and were established by interdepartmental exchanges of letters as follows: USSR -- letter, DDI/CIA to ACSEI, 4 November 1960, and ACSEI reply, 10 November 1960; China -- letter, Chief, Geographic Research/CIA to AD for Mapping, Charting, and Geodesy, DIA, 16 March 1965, and DIA reply, 22 July 1965. The DIA reply also recorded DIA's assumption of ACSEI's former role in the joint USSR intelligence-mapping program.

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6. The activity in the Map Library Division which manages and supports overt map procurement [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has required the functioning of the Inter-Agency Map Procurement Coordination Committee. This committee, having representatives of all Government mapping agencies, is not a formal USIB committee although for the past 15 years it has performed a necessary coordinating function for the intelligence community. The Agency provides the chairman and staff support for the committee and for the map procurement program.

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